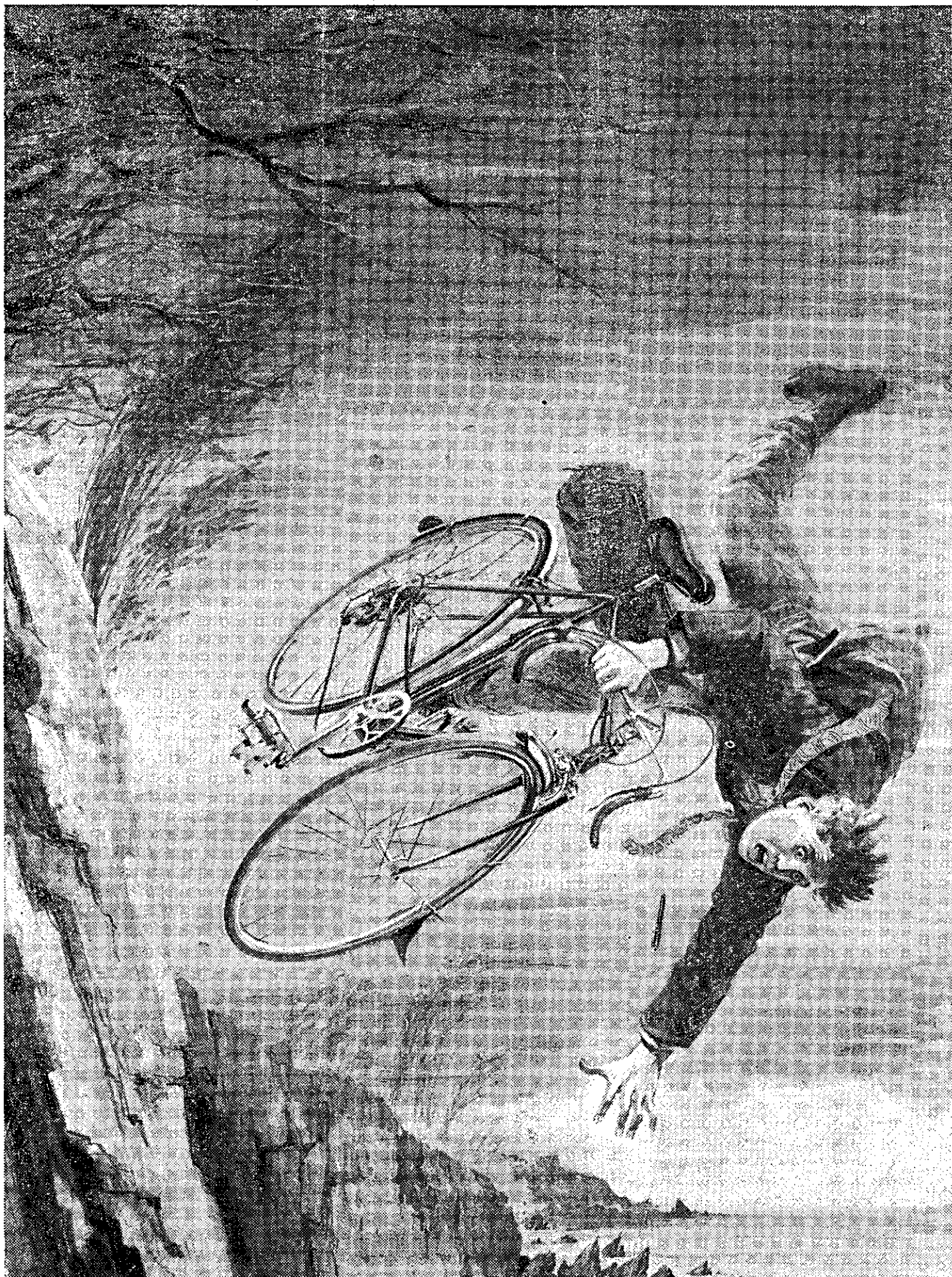


CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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OVER THE CLIFF ON A BIKE!

LESLIE DICKINSON, a 16-year-old of South Shields, County Durham, decided to take a cycle ride along the cliff top the other day. A few minutes later a sudden gale swept him from the cliff to the beach below.

A man who saw it all happen called an ambulance and then dashed down to the beach, fearful of what he might find. When he got there, Leslie was lying white and still; a moment or two later he opened his eyes.

Leslie's Luck!

The ambulance took him to hospital, where Leslie was found to have sustained little worse than cuts to his face and bruises. And he was, naturally, suffering from shock.

Back at home later, Leslie was astonished by his luck!

Why luck?

Well, where the accident happened, at Trow Rocks, the beach was only 20 feet below the cliff top—and Leslie had fallen on to sand when it seemed impossible to miss the sharp, jagged teeth of the rocks which bristled under the cliff face.

Leslie's comment: "I suppose it was my own fault for riding along the cliffs on my bike."

Miracle

His mother regarded his escape as a miracle. She said: "If he had fallen on to those awful rocks, he might have been killed."

Leslie's remarkable escape will doubtless serve as a talking point for his workmates—and also for his former colleagues at the South Shields Grammar Technical School, which he left last summer.

IN BRITAIN NOW



TIME THEY HAD A NEW ONE



The Channel island of Sark (population 450) is soon to have a new ambulance to replace the "prairie schooner" seen here, which was built from a blueprint 100 years old.

A £250 caravan-trailer is now being converted by a Guernsey coachbuilder to take a stretcher and is to be shipped to Sark soon.

The former horse-drawn ambulance in the picture was built and used in Guernsey during the five years of German occupation.

As no motor cars are allowed

on the 3½-mile-long island, this ambulance has been towed around on rough dirt roads by a tractor driven by the island's baker.

There is no hospital in Sark and all patients needing treatment have to be taken to Guernsey by sea. They are conveyed to Sark's harbour by this ambulance.

NEW DOME FOR AN OBSERVATORY

An observatory dome, 64-feet in diameter, is to be built for the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, Sussex.

The aluminium dome is to house the 98-inch Isaac Newton telescope. Both are being built at Heaton, Newcastle, and are expected to be set up at Herstmonceux in about two years' time.

ISLANDS FOR SALE

Three little Orkney islands have been put up for sale. They are the uninhabited islands of Gairsay, Sweyn Holm, and Holm of Roray, which together cover only 700 acres.

Gairsay is reputed to be the last home of the Vikings, who came to the islands in the ninth century.

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It seems to me...

EVERY week I get dozens of requests from readers to find them pen-friends, which I'm only too happy to do, since I think pen-friendships are a wonderful thing. The more we all get to know and understand other people — and especially people in other countries — the happier a place the world is likely to be.

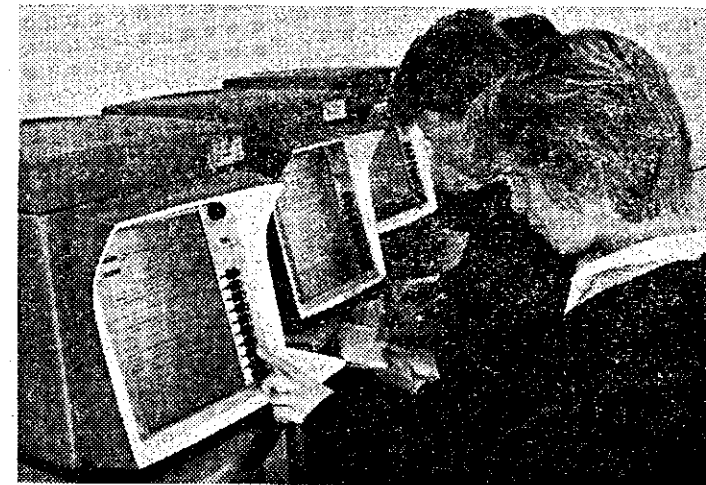
TALKING of "other countries" I've just had a letter from an organisation in New York, telling me there are hundreds of children in America "just dying" for pen-friends in Britain.

How about it? If you'd like a pen-friend in America, all you need do is send a postcard giving your name, address, age and one or two hobbies to: Pen Friends Division, The English Speaking Union, 16, East 69th Street, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

IT'S some years now since I went to school, but I can still remember my schoolmasters quite well — and their nicknames. There

was Hairy Alf, for example, whom you could get to talk about cricket for most of the lesson.

And the Hobnail Express, who was great fun when he was in a good mood, and horrible when he wasn't.



Pupils at King Edward VII Grammar School, Coalville, Leicestershire, using teaching machines.

Nowadays, though, things appear to be rather different.

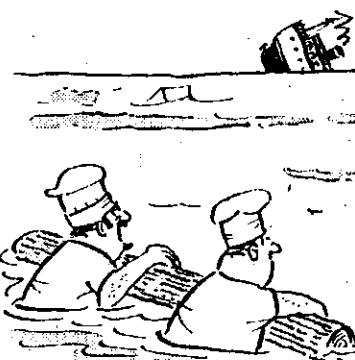
SEEM to be always reading in the papers about schools in which some of the teaching is done by machines — as in the picture here.

And I can't help wondering how all CN readers feel about this.

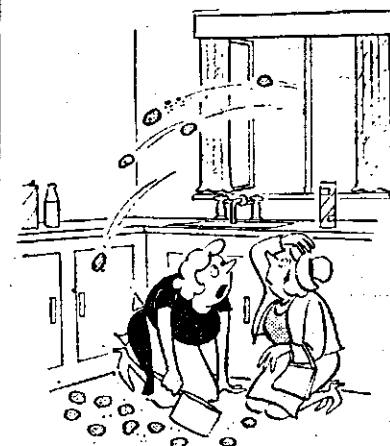
HOW do you? Let's make it one of our famous Talking Points. Would you rather be taught by flesh-and-blood teachers, or be a push-button pupil? — Write to me by Wednesday, 13th. November, and I will publish as many as possible of the best letters

The Editor

LAUGH TIME



"There go fifteen hundred poached eggs on toast!"

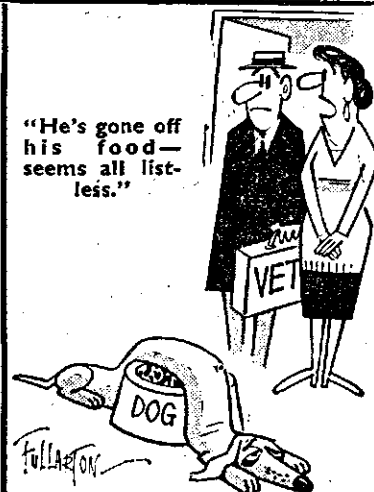


"It's always the same when I ask him to go in the garden and dig up a few potatoes."

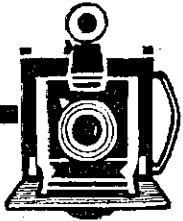
"Anything I can do? I saw the light flashing and—"



"Got something a little lighter? — my backhand is awful this season."



"He's gone off his food — seems all listless."



KNOW YOUR NEWS

THE PEER AND THE DOCTOR

Britain now has a new Prime Minister, and Germany a new Chancellor. This week we will look at what these two changes may mean as far as the Western alliance is concerned.

It is important to remember that changing the man-at-the-top means a great deal not only within the country concerned, but also in its relations with other countries.

The world is asking today whether the Western alliance has

been strengthened or weakened by the retirement of two of its elder statesmen, Mr. Harold Macmillan (69) and Dr. Konrad Adenauer (87).

For the answer we must look at the men who succeed them.

By our
Special Correspondent

SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME (60) has taken over from Mr. Macmillan as Britain's Prime Minister.

DR. LUDWIG ERHARD (66) follows Dr. Adenauer as Chancellor (chief Minister) of the West German Republic.



Doctor Ludwig Erhard



Doctor Konrad Adenauer



Mr. Harold Macmillan



Sir Alec Douglas-Home

Prime Minister Elected By the People

Sir Alec Douglas-Home was until very recently a member of the peerage. But in this democratic century it is the custom that the Prime Minister sits in the Commons (whose members are elected by the people) and not in the Lords (who are not). He has therefore given up his ancient Earldom of Home and his seat in the Lords.

Sir Alec retains his title as a Knight of the Thistle, the famous Scottish order of chivalry. But the surrender of his peerage was a considerable sacrifice.

So we must assume that such a man means to make a success of his job.

Though Dr. Erhard has made no comparable sacrifice, he too is a determined man. He has come to power under the shadow of the greatness of Dr. Adenauer, the only other leader post-war Germany has known.

Prosperous Germany

Adenauer and Erhard rebuilt their shattered and defeated country after the war. Today Germany is a prosperous member of the 15-nation North Atlantic alliance with Britain, the United States, and France.

Sir Alec and Dr. Erhard are very different in some ways. The Prime Minister is a nobleman whose interests have lain in Commonwealth and foreign affairs. The Chancellor is a commoner and an economist.

But both are conservative in outlook. Both face socialist opponents (the Labour Party in Britain and the Social Democrats in Germany), with the prospect of a fierce battle in the next elections.

Both are determined not to give way before Russian Communist demands for any disarmament treaty which would weaken the West.

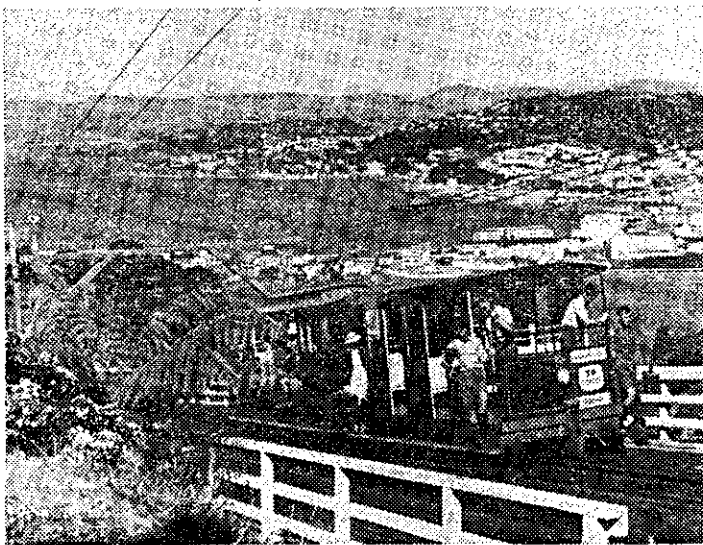
For Friendship

Both are for friendship with the United States and with France—and both regard General Charles de Gaulle, the French President, as an obstacle to Western unity.

Many people in both countries will now be looking for improvement in Anglo-German relations. If it comes, the whole alliance will feel happier and safer.

READERS' LETTERS

A WORD FROM 12,000 MILES AWAY



Wellington and its cable tramway (High Commissioner for New Zealand)

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you because I would like a pen-friend in Britain.

My name is Jennifer Sheldrake and I am eleven years old. My hobbies are stamp collecting, reading, collecting postcards, playing basketball, and listening to pop music. I would like a pen-friend with similar hobbies if possible. I am in Form 1 at school.

I wrote to the British High Commission in Wellington, but they were sorry they couldn't arrange a pen-friend through their office. They suggested that I wrote to you if I wanted a pen-friend. I hope you can help me.

Jennifer Sheldrake, 8 Chester Road, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand.

LESSONS DURING HOLIDAYS

Dear Sir,—On the television programme, *Junior Points Of View*, recently, it was suggested that there should be schools programmes during holidays, as a lot of schools either haven't television or are unwilling to adapt the timetable to make room for TV programmes.

I thought this would suit those who wanted lessons during the holidays.

Norman Pacey (14), Hull.

WOULD YOU VOTE FOR A GIRL?

Dear Sir,—I find the suggestions that pupils should vote for behaviour marks for each other amusing.

I don't think a boy would vote for a girl, or a person in one House for someone in another. They would vote for their best friends.

For these reasons I am against the idea.

Michael Bambury, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

FRENCH INVITATION

Dear Sir,—A French newspaper made favourable mention of your Children's Newspaper.

My 15-year-old son would like to correspond with a serious young schoolboy of about the same age, with a view to an eventual exchange of visits.

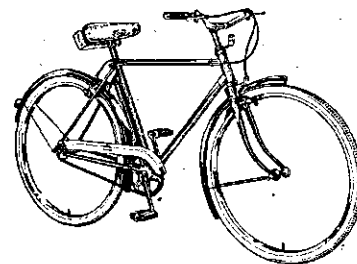
My son would like to go to England, to Oxford if possible, and we should be happy to receive an English boy in France.

L. Gicquel, 40 Rue Ph. Lebon, Rennes, Ills et Vilaine, France.

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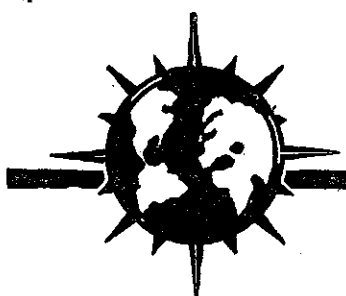
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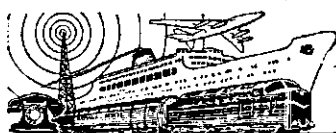
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THIS WIDE WORLD

BRIEFLY...



"Music" in colours

A "silent organ," invented by a French sculptor, has a keyboard which throws changing colour patterns on a screen.

The Swedish Government has paid nearly £1,000,000 for 14,000 tons of paper, which is to be made into schoolbooks for Burma, India, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

Milk pipeline

A pipeline nearly two miles long now carries milk from upland farms to valley dairies in Northern Caucasus, Russia.

Two purple herons ringed near Vladivostok, Eastern Siberia, have been found in Malaya, 3,300 miles away.

The population of the United States is now over 190 million—more than double that of 1900. By 1975 it is expected to be 225 million.

Humptydoo's voyage

A lone Australian has sailed his yacht, Humptydoo, 8,000 miles across the Indian Ocean, from Queensland to South Africa, in 79 days.

B.B. Week, when the Boys' Brigade raise money, will be 23rd–30th November.

Trains were held up for three hours between the small Buckinghamshire towns of Great Missenden and Amersham while over 100 cattle were driven off the line by policemen, firemen, and farm-workers.

World champion ploughman

A Swedish farmer, Yngve Månsson, has won the world ploughing championship in Canada.

Eighty-two child pedestrians were killed on the roads in July, 27 more than in July last year.

Moon trips for about £1,000 may be possible within the next 25 years, according to an American space expert. Mars and back will cost around £1,420.

Challenging

Surrey's schools are ten years ahead of those in the rest of the country, according to the county's Chief Education Officer.

GOLD MOLES

Two golden moles, little animals of a kind that had not been seen for 123 years, have been discovered in the Namib desert of South West Africa, the only region where they are known to exist.

About two inches long, the golden mole comes out of its burrow only at night. Its eyes and ears are useless, having no openings through the skin.

VOLCANIC DUST DIMS SUNSHINE

Sunshine in New Zealand has been less intense than usual because of a layer of dust from the volcanic eruption in Bali, Indonesia, last March. The layer lies at a height of between 13 and 17 miles, where there is no wind to shift it.

Samples of the same dust, obtained by balloons in Australia, were similar to those from the Chilean eruptions of 1960.

It is expected that the layer will remain over New Zealand for about a year, but will eventually spread over the entire globe.

FLYING DOCTOR OF MALAYA

Trees covering mountains and valleys to the horizon—that is the flying doctor's view of the Malayan jungle. If you were in his RAF helicopter, you would wonder how he and his pilot could possibly find their way.

But Dr. Malcolm Bolton and his crews know the jungle. They spot a river and follow its twists and turns until they see a tiny clearing on the bank—the medical post they are making for, one of a number in a three-days' round.

When they land, Aborigines run



to greet them. These are people who are otherwise completely cut off from civilisation. Dr. Bolton, who is employed by the Malayan Government, treats them for everything from cuts to childbirth—and takes teeth out as well. Most patients, however, are suffering from tuberculosis or malnutrition. And some have leprosy.

The RAF's Flying Doctor Service has established many posts in the remote jungle, and has brought health to thousands and saved many lives.

PYTHON PAL

How would you like a 12-foot python as a pet? The soldier in our picture, a member of the American forces in Viet Nam, seems to be quite happy with this specimen, which is the mascot of his unit.

FOR VIKING LADIES

Pieces of silk fabric embroidered with silver, apparently part of a dress worn by a Viking's wife in about A.D. 900, have been found in South Sweden. Also found were an iron weaving staff, an iron jewellery case, and a quantity of coloured glass beads.

HOW TO AVOID DOG BITES

Munich is known as "the dog-lovers' city," but that, apparently, does not apply to the local postmen. Three hundred of them have been bitten in the past year. The postal authorities have issued for them a booklet "on warding off dog-bites." They are told: "Never let the dog know you are frightened by him—nervous people are bitten most often." Another bit of advice: "Don't run away from dogs—they are faster than you are."

ANTELOPES BY AIR

A small herd of rare Hunter's antelopes, in danger of extinction, has been flown by naval helicopters from north-east Kenya to the Kenya National Game Park, where it is hoped the animals will breed.

SWEET CONTENT

The Swiss are a contented lot, according to a survey carried out in seven countries by the International Gallup Institute. They came top of the poll, with 76 per cent. of those questioned saying they were contented with their lives. Britain was second from the bottom with 56 per cent.

The Swiss were contented with the prestige of their country in the world; their housing; their standard of living; their leisure time; and their future prospects. They came second to Denmark in being contented with their children's education. The British were among the least contented with all these conditions.

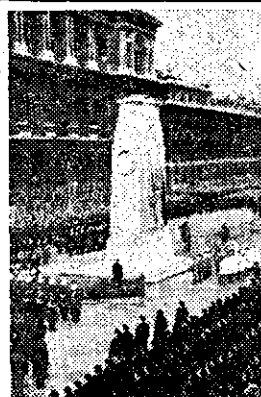
The British came nearer the top—third after Norway and Switzerland—only in being satisfied with the honesty and general behaviour of their fellow citizens. The United States and West Germany were the least contented here.

Coming Events

LONDON: Street spectacle of The Lord Mayor's Show, 9th November. Theme of this year's pageant is "Building"



LONDON: Remembrance Sunday this year is 10th November. A day to think of those who gave their lives for us in two World Wars



FELIXSTOWE: Annual Opening Fishing Festival (from beach and pier) makes 10th November a catchy date



NORWICH: The home of The Canaries stages the Alliance All England Cage Bird Association's Show, on 14th November





FILM STAR TRUDI

Starring in Columbia Pictures' film of the Broadway musical **BYE BYE BIRDIE** is 15-year-old Trudi Ames (centre of picture, right).

She was chosen for her acting ability and talent. Both are the result of hard work since the age of five, for besides her normal schooling, Trudi has trained in many branches of stagecraft. This varied experience has enabled her to make a remarkable film, stage and television career while still in her teens.

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BYE BYE BIRDIE is a film for and about teenagers, and stars 250 of them!

It's a happy show—the story of a long-haired, twitchy-hipped, deep-voiced singing idol named

SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

A SURPRISING piece of news: pianos are making a comeback—in China! Second-hand ones are now frequently shipped to Hong Kong. This makes me wonder whether any of you are learning to play this musical instrument which, until TV gained nation-wide popularity, had pride of place in many homes. I'd be glad to hear from any of you who are!



Conrad Birdie, over whom the girls go wild.

It has a host of tuneful songs and a youthful cast, headed by Janet Leigh, Dick Van Dyke, Ann-Margret, Maureen Stapleton, Bobby Rydell, Paul Lynde and Jesse Pearson.

The 7th November sees the film's Royal Premiere at the Odeon, Marble Arch, in aid of the British Olympic Appeal Fund. The Duke of Edinburgh will be present.

From left: Ann-Margret as Kim, Trudi Ames as Ursula, and Jesse Pearson as Conrad Birdie

PET HATES

Remember I asked you to tell me your Pet Hates? Well, Mary Leuenberger, a 15-year-old Swiss reader, writes from Kenya to say she hates to see fat girls in horizontally striped dresses and thin girls dressed in vertically striped ones. (Me, too!) Mary

SISTERS



"When I want your opinion I'll give it to you!"

also dislikes seeing a blue blouse worn with a green skirt. All of which shows Mary has a good sense of dress.

BUTTERSCOTCH BISCUITS

Beat 4 oz. of soft brown sugar and 4 oz. of margarine till soft and creamy. Sift 4 oz. plain flour and add to form stiff mixture. Turn on to floured board and roll out (flouring rolling-pin first). Cut into small rounds one inch thick. Place on greased oven tin. Bake 15 mins. (Gas No. 4. Elec. 375 deg.).

When cooked, lift gently on to wire tray. Leave to cool.

Vicky

YOU AND YOUR CAMERA

CONVERTING COLOUR TO BLACK AND WHITE

DID you use a 35 mm. camera on holiday this year? If you did, you quite probably loaded it with colour film, and now have a fine set of transparencies to show your friends. And even more probably some of your pals asked whether you could make black-and-white prints for them.

Just in case you did not realise that you could do this sort of thing, here's the "do-it-yourself" method (the other one being to send your transparencies away to be "converted" professionally).

First, make sure your slide is quite free from dust, and then place it in your slide projector. Focus it very carefully on your screen—and you are ready to photograph the photograph, as it were.

Close to the beam

Your camera should be placed in such a position that the screen image fills the viewfinder frame, and to do this without too much distortion you must place the camera (on a tripod or a convenient pile of books) as close to the projector beam as possible without actually throwing the camera's shadow on to the screen.

Set your control to "B," and when you have made sure that the camera is focused properly, make an exposure (with a cable-release so that you do not shake

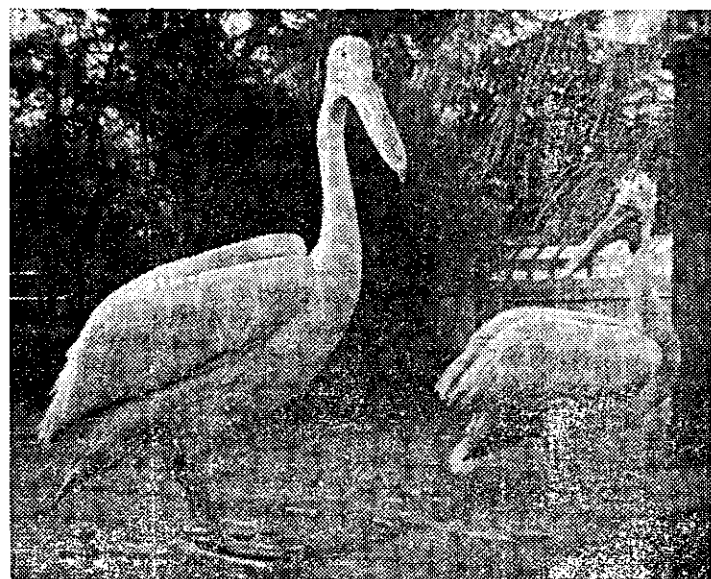
the camera). Although the screen image seems very bright in an otherwise darkened room, the amount of light reflected from it is relatively small. Hence the need for an exposure of several seconds.

The actual exposure-time will depend on several factors. It depends on the distance between

the projector and the screen; and the "speed" of your black-and-white film. It depends on the aperture you use. Here a small aperture, or high "f" number, is best, because the resulting depth of field will be greater, and this will take care of any slight errors in focusing. It also depends on the brightness of the projection bulb.

I found recently that an exposure of a full 20 seconds was required, using a "slow" film (rated at 40 ASA) when the

This month's winning picture comes from S. G. Coombs, of Bristol, 6. Comment: A visit to the zoo is hardly complete without a camera. There are plenty of subjects just waiting to be photographed. Here is a good example of a well-composed picture



projector was some 12 feet from the screen. If a faster film is used, the exposure will, of course, be shorter.

Once you have taken your black-and-white pictures, all that remains is to have them developed and printed in the normal way. Then you will get a set of monochrome prints of your favourite

We hope to publish one reader's picture each month—and we'll pay a guinea for it.

We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to prints, though we will take care of them and will return them, if you'll enclose a stamped and addressed envelope. Send your prints to: **YOU AND YOUR CAMERA**, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

colour transparencies which you can send round to your friends. But remember that you can only have moderate enlargements. Over a certain size the quality becomes poor.

Artificial light colour film

Of course, you need not restrict yourself to black-and-white prints. You can make duplicate colour transparencies in the same way—but remember that the light from your projector is not the same as sunlight. If you wish to make copy transparencies, load your camera with artificial light colour film; if you don't, your copies will have a yellowish cast.

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



WINTER IS ON ITS WAY

THIS is the time of year when any nest boxes you may have in your gardens should be cleaned out, and put away ready to be replaced about March next year.

You must also be thinking of the birds which will come into your gardens in search of that extra food to help them through the cold months. Remember how many of our garden birds survived the last winter because people supplied them with nourishing foods which gave them extra warmth and strength.

It has been noted that of the species occupying our gardens, but which also live in open woodland and hedgerows, it was those lucky birds feeding from tables and other devices that survived

when many of their fellows, away from human habitation, died.

Put out plenty of fat, nuts, and brown bread and cake crumbs; and don't forget the seed-eaters. The latter will appreciate some mixed bird-seed scattered on the tables and also on the ground in sheltered spots. Water is always a problem when there is frost, but remember that apples which are not fit for you to eat will be relished by many kinds of birds and the juice will, to some extent, take the place of water.

Keeping your eyes well open at

this time of year may provide you with some interesting finds. You may have had hedgehogs in your garden, and though they often do not go strictly into hibernation until November or December, you may discover a winter nest under a hedge or bush. It will look like a large pile of leaves and grasses.

by
Maxwell Knight

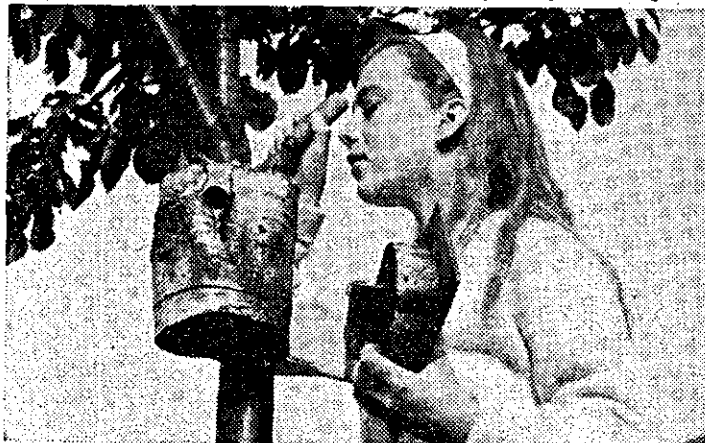
Should you find one, do not disturb it. The hedgehog, which is now using it as a daytime bed, will soon be adding to the nest material ready for the colder weather.

Be careful of drowsy wasps which may be crawling about your floors. Even though they will not survive the winter they can still sting you. The queen wasps, the only ones which hibernate, will shortly retreat into crannies in sheds or even behind pictures or in the folds of curtains.

Hibernating Butterflies

In similar places you may see tortoiseshell butterflies, which also hibernate. Leave them where they are if you can. Next spring they will become active again and seek out the early flowers.

Never imagine that autumn and winter are "dead seasons." There is always much to interest you.



Now's the time to clean out your nesting boxes



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

THE LIBERAL PARTY

Once a great party which governed the country for many years and supplied us with Prime Ministers such as Gladstone and Lloyd George, the Liberal movement declined so much that at each of the last three General Elections it has returned only six MPs.

The Party dates back to the 17th century, when its members were known as "The Whigs." It changed its name to the Liberal Party about 100 years ago.

Throughout the 19th century, and for the first 20 years or so of this one, the Liberals and the Conservatives were the only two political parties of any importance. Since about 1922, however, the Labour Party has become the main rival to the Conservatives.

People who wish to become Liberal Party members join the local constituency association, which deals with all the party's affairs in the area. Each year there is an annual conference known as the Liberal Party Assembly (it met this year at Brighton from 11th-14th September) which is attended by representatives of all constituency associations, together with Liberal MPs, candidates, and other officials of the party. The



Mr. Jo Grimond, leader of the Liberal Party

Assembly works out the broad outline of policy. It also elects the officers of the Liberal Party organisation (outside Parliament).

The Liberal Party Council maintains the party headquarters, is responsible for raising funds, for

publicity and information. The Council meets four times a year and consists of 30 representatives elected by the Assembly, together with party MPs and other Liberals. The Council appoints an Executive Committee (which meets at least twice a month) to manage day-to-day business.

Reformers

Liberals have always looked upon themselves as a reforming party concerned with the freedom of the individual. They dislike the State control advocated by the Labour Party and the reluctance shown by the Conservative Party to social change.

In very recent years the Liberal Party seems to have fared much better. At most by-elections it has done very well indeed. Many people believe that it is now experiencing a revival, and that at the General Election in 1964 it will gain many more seats than it has at present.

Its leader is Mr. Jo Grimond.

Next week:
SMALL POLITICAL PARTIES



Briefing the crew before they set out

ber, 9th November, 1963

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News in Pictures



OPERATION MAIL DROP!

LETTERS and newspapers for the men of the *Weather Reporter*, the "Met." ship stationed 700 miles out in the Atlantic, just "drop in."

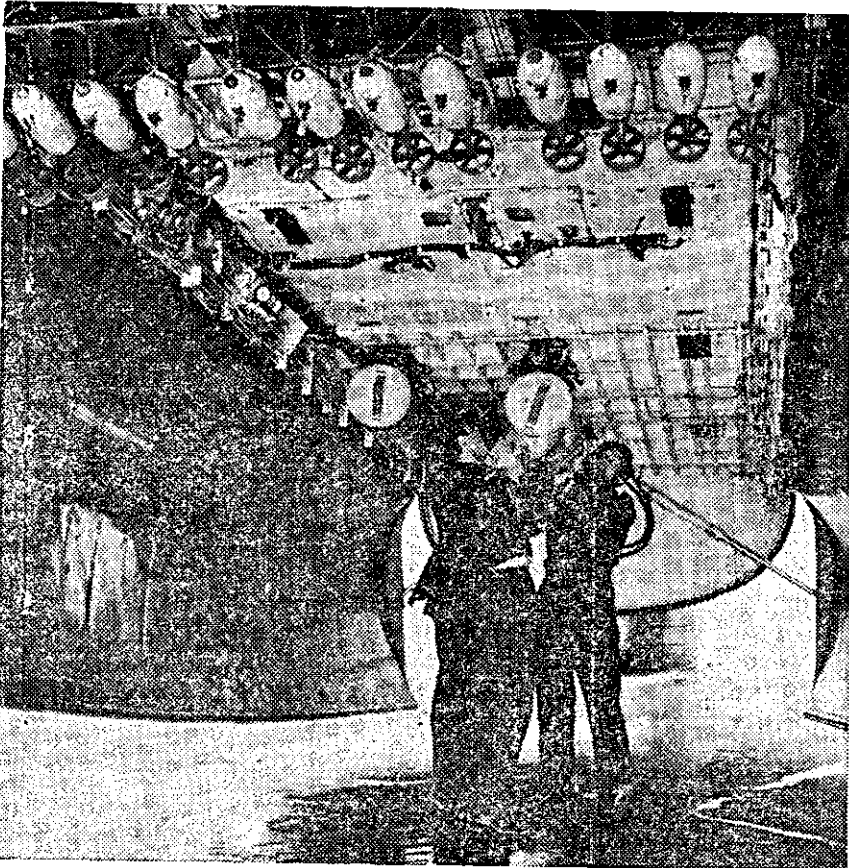
As the ex-Royal Navy frigate sails back and forth reporting the weather which is shortly to reach Britain, the only way to deliver her mail is to drop it into the sea.

A Shackleton aircraft of Coastal Command, from St. Mawgan, Cornwall, does the job. Mail is loaded into waterproof, buoyant canisters. These are carried in the aircraft's bomb-bay and aimed to fall as close alongside the rolling, pitching frigate as possible. Then a boat is lowered and the canisters are picked up.

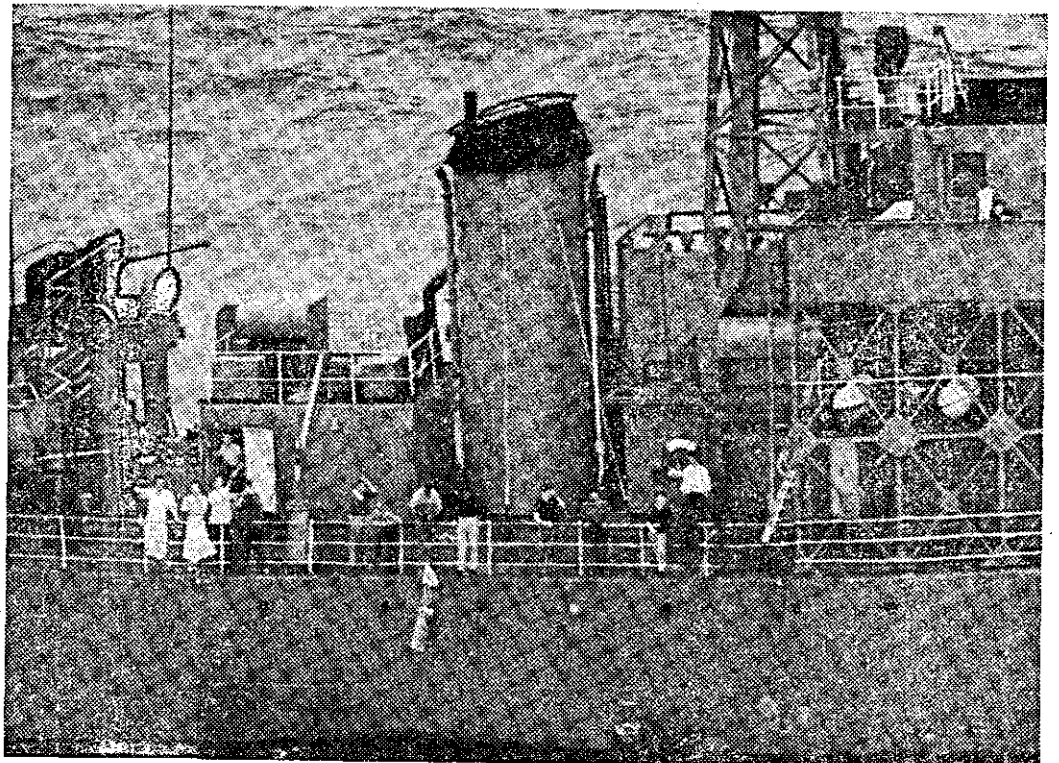


Packing newspapers into the canisters, which are coloured yellow to show up clearly in the sea

A canister drops from the aircraft as it makes its run over the ship



Loading the precious canisters into the bomb-bay of a Shackleton



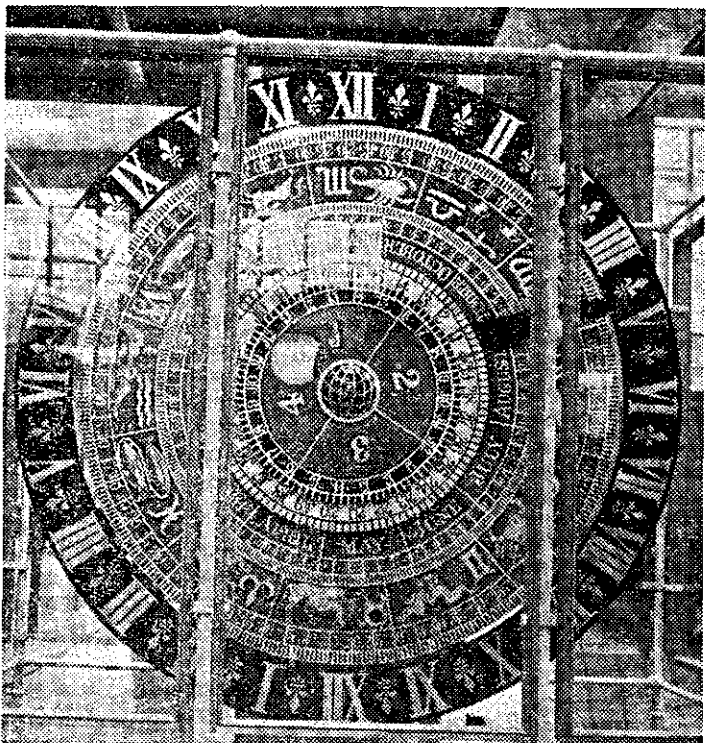
Men of *Weather Reporter* haul the mail aboard

SCIENCE SURVEY

FIGHTING 'FLU



Millions of working hours are lost every year to influenza. This winter Crookes Laboratories are sending teams of doctors and nurses to offices and factories to carry out injections in an effort to curb the disorder. Our picture shows an office worker getting her "jab" in a new way—from a machine.



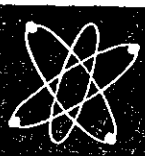
WONDER CLOCK

Now to be seen at the Science Museum, South Kensington, is this two-thirds-size model of the 8-foot astronomical clock at Hampton Court made for Henry VIII in 1540. It shows the hours of the day and night, Signs of the Zodiac, day of the month and month of the year, quarters of the Moon, and time of High Water at London Bridge.

BITS OFF THE MOON

Bits of the Moon are knocked off by meteorites every day, according to an American scientist. He says the loose matter flies off into space, and some of it falls on the Earth. If some of it could be found and identified, he thinks, this would provide knowledge of the chemical composition of the Moon itself.

Most of the bits, he says, would be found in the polar ice fields.



SPRING IN THE WHITE SOUTH

SPRING has come to Antarctica, and explorers of different nations are getting busy there. American and Soviet scientists are combining in a study of cosmic rays.

Cosmic rays are made up of high energy particles from outer space. When they hit our electrically-charged upper atmosphere, they affect the transmission of radio signals.

To learn more about these rays, parties of Americans and Russians are each building three radio towers in Antarctica.

A very different kind of research—and pretty chilly by the sound of it—is finding out how seals live under the ice. Divers are going down 200 feet to photograph them. One scientist is devoting himself to the Weddell seal, which can dive to 1,000 feet. How it can surface from such a depth without pain is at present a mystery.

SHUNTING IN SPACE

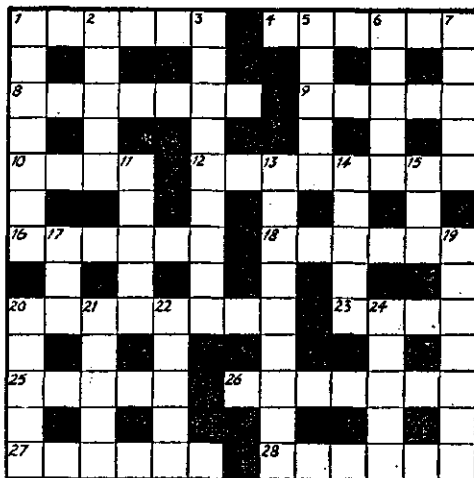
ASTRONAUTS who fly to the Moon and back may have to meet and join up their vehicles with others in space—a tricky operation. Training in it is carried out inside the huge hangar of a research establishment at Seattle, USA.

The future astronaut sits inside a full-scale model of a spaceship's cabin, which is carried on a crane. He controls the cabin's movements—up, down, sideways, forwards, and backwards—by means of a mechanism which takes the place of rocket motors.

Coming towards him, suspended on cables from the crane, is the model of another spaceship's nose. The pilot controls this vehicle's movements, too, until, by skilful manoeuvres, he has brought both craft together head-on—gently of course—and linked them up.

Crossword puzzle

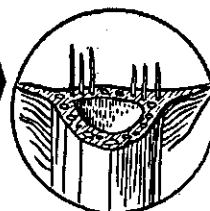
ACROSS: 1 African hunting trip. 4 Free. 8 Provided food. 9 Become used to. 10 Rhythmic tune. 12 In unison. 16 Countrified. 18 Sacred song. 20 Disclosed. 23 Bridle strap. 25 To ignite. 26 Platform. 27 Grip tightly. 28 Symbol.
DOWN: 1 Worldly. 2 Deadly. 3 The same. 5 Famous European river. 6 Honesty. 7 Absolute. 11 Name. 13 Impressive. 14 Private teacher. 15 Before. 17 Employ. 19 Least quantity. 20 Souvenir. 21 Uncertain. 22 Top room. 24 Become a member.



Answer on page 12

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Theseus, Duke of Athens, is approached by an old man, Egeus, his daughter Hermia, and two young men, Lysander and Demetrius. "My Lord," says Egeus, "I ask you to see that the law is obeyed." "And who refuses?" asks the Duke. Immediately Egeus points to Hermia, saying in anger, "My rebellious daughter, whom I promised in marriage to Demetrius. Now she refuses to obey me because she wants to marry Lysander." Theseus tries to get her to change her mind.



The Duke tells her: "Even I, Lord of Athens, must obey the law. So must you, Hermia. If in four days' time—the day of my own wedding—you still refuse to marry Demetrius, the man your father has chosen, then you must pay the penalty under an old, cruel law. Either you'll be condemned to death, or made to take vows to serve Goddess Diana as a priestess, staying single all your life. That's the law. The choice is yours. Think well and choose wisely."



The men leave. Hermia and Lysander are immediately joined by Helena, Hermia's friend and one-time girl-friend of Demetrius. That he no longer cares for her has upset Helena. While the couple console her, they also tell her of their own troubles. Suddenly Lysander has a bright idea. "It'll take courage, but it's worthwhile," he tells Hermia. "We'll run away to an aunt of mine where this cruel law doesn't apply. Tonight!" A scared Hermia agrees.



They arrange to meet in a wood . . . Not just an ordinary wood—but one peopled by imps, fairies, elves, sprites and many strange little creatures who hang dewdrops on cowslips' ears and play tricks on human beings. At this particular time, the King and Queen of all the fairies—Oberon and Titania—are cross with one another because Titania won't give up one of her court page-boys as Oberon asks. Lovely as Titania is, she's very stubborn, which annoys the King.



When Oberon and Titania also meet in the woods this night, there's quite a scene! "Ill-met by moonlight," snarls the King, adding, "Hand over that page-boy to me!" "He's staying in my court," snaps Titania, and sweeps off in a huff with her fairy followers. Now Oberon is even more annoyed, and calls for a hobgoblin named Puck. "Come here," he commands. "I am about to play a trick on the Queen who needs to be taught a lesson. You, Puck, must help."

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SAVING THE TEMPLES OF NUBIA

FOUR years ago, Unesco (the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation) launched a world-wide campaign. Its aim was to save from destruction the ancient temples of Nubia, in Upper Egypt.

The building of the Aswan High Dam, on the River Nile, will create a huge artificial lake in Nubia. Beneath the rising waters of this lake the temples could have been engulfed for ever.

Most famous of the threatened temples is that at Abu Simbel. It was built more than 3,000 years ago by Rameses II to honour the pagan gods he worshipped, and is carved from the solid sandstone rock on the banks of the Nile.

by C. W. Hill

ings. Monaco, Korea, Yugoslavia, and the Sudan are among the countries which have issued special stamps to help the campaign.



Quaint Statues

Dominating the front of the Great Temple at Abu Simbel are four seated statues of Rameses, each nearly 70 feet tall. Even the heads of the statues measure 13 feet from ear to ear, and the mouths are 42 inches wide.

Countries all over the world have responded to Unesco's appeal for help in saving the Great Temple and other historic build-



Pictured above is a new air-mail stamp from Egypt which shows the façade of the Great Temple, with its towering statues.

Not far away Rameses II built a smaller temple in memory of his wife, Queen Nefertari. A new 4-pesos stamp from Argentina, pictured left, shows her portrait, taken from a sculpture in the temple. In her hands she holds a sistrum (a ceremonial bell) and a bunch of papyrus flowers.

The latest news from Unesco is that the Great Temple and the Nefertari Temple are to be excavated from the rock and



moved to a site above the level of the rising waters. Seven smaller temples are also to be dismantled and transferred to safer sites, while another is to be protected by a thick wall.

Since its foundations were laid in 1960, the Aswan High Dam has been featured on several Egyptian stamps. The 10-millième value (depicted above) shows an aerial view of the dam and of the electric power-station being built as part of it.

Another new issue from Egypt is also pictured here. It shows a swimmer with a map of the Suez Canal in the background. The stamp marks the long-distance swimming championships held

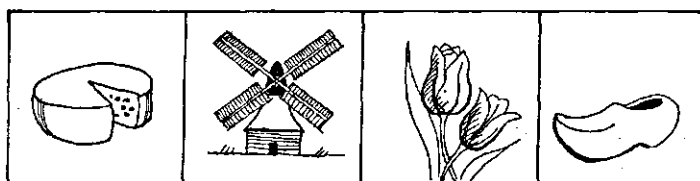
recently over a 25-mile course near Ismailia, on the Suez Canal.

Long-distance swimming is a popular sport in Egypt, and Egyptian swimmers

have put up some fine performances in Canada, Italy and across the English Channel. In Egypt these long-distance champions are known as "Nile crocodiles."

PICK A PUZZLE

GUESS THE COUNTRY



SIX MEN IN STRANGE PLACES

Here, mixed up, are six battles and the six men closely associated with them. Can you pair them off correctly?

- Siege of Quebec, 1759—Drake.
- Battle of Trafalgar, 1805—Wellington.
- Battle of Waterloo, 1815—Cromwell.
- Defeat of the Spanish Armada, 1588—Wolfe.
- Battle of Bannockburn, 1314—Nelson.
- Battle of Marston Moor, 1644—Bruce.

The four objects pictured above should suggest the name of a European country. What are the objects—and which country is it?

LONDONERS ALL

The sentences below are all associated with London and Londoners. Can you identify them?

- Who or what is the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street?
- What does the Monument commemorate?
- Ravens are traditionally found here.
- No. 10 Downing Street is the residence of the Prime Minister—but can you say which member of the Government lives next door at No. 11?
- Where must a Londoner be born to be a true Cockney?

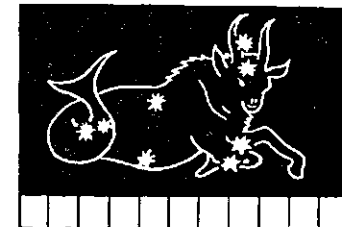
POSE IN A PUZZLE

The answer to each clue below ends with the letters POSE. Can you find all four?

- To write music.
- Presume.
- Rest.
- To be against.

SIGN OF THE ZODIAC

Here is one of the 12 Signs of the Zodiac, which in astronomy is a belt of the sky containing the apparent paths of the Sun, Moon, and chief planets.



SUNCORIPCAR

The letters above have been jumbled but you should be able to write them down in the squares to spell the name of this sign.

Answers to puzzles are on page 12.

The Children's Newspaper, 9th November, 1963

Beginning this week . . . a wartime escape story . . . all the more thrilling because it's true!**THE LONG ARM OF THE ROYAL NAVY****"FRONT** gunner, you go first."**"Okay, captain,"** Sergeant Pearman answered, and lifted the door of the escape hatch.

It was the night of 13th October, 1941, and their Lancaster had been caught in the huge belt of searchlights defending the Ruhr. A German night fighter had attacked them and their plane was so badly damaged that the pilot had decided the only thing to do was to bale out.

So Sergeant Pearman, aged 20, found himself hurtling down through dark space with no idea of what he was going to find below—except the one uncomfortable fact that it would be enemy territory.

His parachute opened when he pulled the rip-cord and for ten minutes he floated gently down through the two-mile drop until *bump*—he had landed. The night was not entirely dark and he could see that he was in the grounds of a large German castle.

Everything was quiet and no-one had seen him come down.

Like all aircrew members, he had two buttons which when placed on top of each other formed a tiny compass. For food all he had was an orange and two bars of chocolate.

He made a preliminary inspection of the grounds and then realised that it would soon be daylight; he crept into hiding in some deep undergrowth.

All through the day sounds of occupation came from the castle and various people went about its grounds, but nobody spotted the hidden airman.

As soon as darkness came again, he started moving; he had now eaten his orange and had half a bar of chocolate left.

He had no idea where he was, but once outside the castle grounds he very soon stumbled across a railway line and eventually reached some sidings with a number of trucks standing in them.

TWICE he had to take cover when German railwaymen came near him; but he managed to avoid being seen and presently he heard the noises of a goods train.

Making a dash across four lines of rail, he grabbed at one of the moving trucks and swung himself on to it.

It was an open wagon loaded with timber and a glance at the clear starry sky above told him that he was in luck—the train was heading almost due west.

All British flying men at this time knew that if they had to bale out over enemy territory they must try to get home, not by crossing the Channel, but by heading west and south to Marseilles. There an underground organisation was being built up which would help them to get across into Spain and so down to Gibraltar.

There was one dangerous moment when the train stopped in the sidings of a large station, but by keeping absolutely still Sergeant Pearman managed to avoid being seen and presently it was on the move again, still chugging steadily westwards.

When day began to break he knew that he would have to go into hiding, so, as the train slowed up on a gradient he seized his moment and jumped off. As soon as the train was safely past, he found a clump of sheltering bushes and went soundly to sleep in them.

He was roused by a kick in the

ribs and by a man addressing him in a language which certainly wasn't German.

Pearman could speak a little French and he soon discovered that the man standing over him was a Belgian (his name was Leon Fallon).

Pearman explained who he was and how he had come there and asked: "Are there any Germans round about?"

"In the next village," Fallon told him, "but follow me and they won't see you."

They went cautiously together to the house of a level-crossing keeper where later they were joined by a lady from the village,

by
Laurence Meynell

a Madame Marcelle, who spoke English.

At first they were all a little suspicious that Pearman might be a German spy, but when he showed his identification discs and produced some English coins from his pocket, they accepted his story and did all they possibly could to help him.

He was given an old mackintosh and a peasant's cap, and a very welcome meal. It was the first food poor Pearman had eaten in two whole days and he wolfed it down ravenously.

The level-crossing keeper hoped that a coal train would be passing at about two o'clock in the morning, but it failed to come and by three o'clock Pearman decided he must move on.

"*Vive l'Angleterre, Vive la Belgique,*" called his hosts softly as he walked away.

AIRMEN ON THE RUN



AT dawn he went into hiding, and slept well in the undergrowth of a small wood.

The good Belgians had given him a roll of bread, some meat sandwiches and a bottle of wine, and he rationed these so that they would last him for five days.

As soon as it was dark he came out from hiding and started walking along the railway line again. Presently a goods train overtook him and he managed to scramble into an empty truck.

The stars told him that he was still heading west, and he felt reasonably happy and confident.

When day came he was so well hidden in his deep-sided truck that he decided to stay there and risk being seen; everything went well until shortly after midday when the train came to a halt in a large marshalling yard.

Pearman lay doggo, but just as he thought he might escape unnoticed, a little shunting engine drew up right alongside his truck, and he found himself looking straight into the eyes of the driver and stoker. The only thing to do was to tell his story frankly, which he did.

The driver immediately motioned him to speak quietly, indicating that there were German guards about. Presently a third man appeared and, climbing into the truck, told Pearman that he was at Namur and that at eight o'clock

he would put him into another wagon, bound for Paris.

SERGEANT PEARMAN lay in the truck all afternoon. When darkness fell the railway worker came back.

"Caution," he whispered, "the Boche guards are everywhere."

As quietly as possible the two men crept through the dark yard to the waiting goods train.

The Belgian pointed to a truck, pressed Pearman's hand, whispered, "*Vive l'Angleterre,*" and disappeared into the darkness.

Within half an hour the train had started, heading west again, and Pearman felt that he was in luck.

A few hours later things began to go wrong. Instead of chugging away steadily through the night, the train stopped just outside a station. Pearman, crouching in his truck, wondering what was happening and listening to the sound of a man walking along the length of the train.

The footsteps stopped by Pearman's truck and after a moment or two of agonised waiting he heard in a whisper "*Anglais?*"

This was the guard, a friend of the railway worker who had put Pearman into the truck.

HE explained that orders had been changed and the train was going no farther. And the town it had stopped at was heavily garrisoned by German troops.

"The south of the town is bounded by the river Oise," he whispered. "You won't do any good in that direction. The best thing you can do is to head out over the open country to the north." Then the guard continued on his way, walking noisily along the train. Obviously, the only sensible thing was to follow the advice given, so crossing the tracks as quietly as he could in the darkness, Pearman made a detour to the north of the town and regained the line farther on.

He walked for two hours or so and then lay in hiding. His food position was now very serious. What little bread he had was so hard that it made his gums bleed, and the wine was practically finished.

At dusk, on the following day, he reached a small, and apparently deserted, station; as he walked on to the platform a porter appeared and Pearman's thirst forced him to ask for a drink of water.

The porter summoned the stationmaster who, as soon as he heard the sergeant's tale, immediately showed himself most friendly. To his infinite relief, the tired and hungry airman was given a good meal and then shown to a comfortable bed.

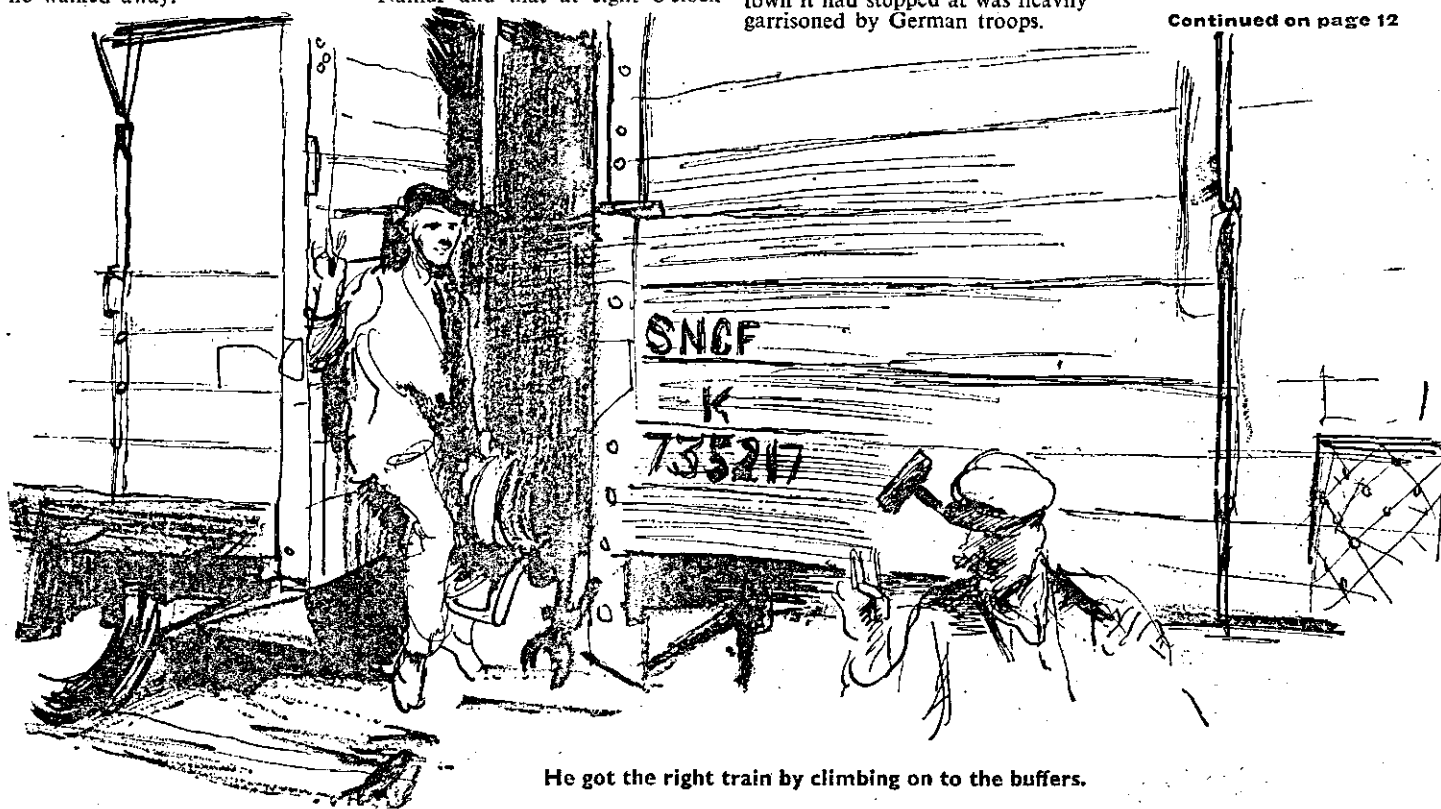
At two o'clock the following afternoon, the stationmaster's entire family helped in smuggling him on to a goods train, and as darkness was falling that evening it pulled into the *Gare du Nord*, Paris.

THE first part of Sergeant Pearman's journey to freedom was over; now he had to concentrate on getting to the south, towards Toulouse and the Pyrenees.

But to be a British airman on the run in occupied Paris was desperately dangerous. German troops were everywhere, including members of the hated SS in their long black coats and red swastikas.

Pearman managed to reach the *Gare d'Austerlitz* which was the station he wanted, but a railway worker who had promised to meet him there did not turn up; eventually he got on to the right train by climbing on to the buffers

Continued on page 12



He got the right train by climbing on to the buffers.



IT'S A GREAT DAY— FOR YOUTH!

YOUTH takes the field at Wembley this Wednesday evening in a representative match—England Youth (1962-63) v Rest of Britain Youth (1962-63)—which will include 22 of the finest young footballers in the United Kingdom.



Ronnie Harris, Youth team captain, being chaired by his colleagues after England had won the Youth Cup for the first time since 1948. Ronnie is now a regular member of the Chelsea first team.

SKATING THEIR WAY TO AUSTRIA

THE British figure and pair-skating championships will be held next Monday at the Wembley Empire Pool and Sports Arena.

These championships will have particular importance this year, for they will be regarded as Olympic trials. Successful competitors could be chosen for the British team which will go to the ninth Winter Olympic Games at Innsbruck, Austria, next January.

Holder of the women's title is Diana Clifton-Peach. She put up a very good show in the world championships last March. She can expect a very strong challenge from Sally-Anne Stapleford, who twice beat Diana last season.

Malcolm Cannon (Birmingham), the men's title holder, and Hywel Evans (Streatham) again seem likely to battle it out for top place. But there could be a surprise winner from among three newcomers to the senior championship—Alan McPherson (Richmond), and Harold Williams and Michael Williams, who both come from Altrincham, Manchester, but are not related.

The pair-skating champions, Peter Webb and Vera Jeffrey (Brighton and Streatham) will have to meet serious challenges from John Bayman and Fiona Hunt (Richmond), and the Streatham couple, Ray Wilson and Diane Ward.

BOBBY THE RECORD-BREAKER



Scotland's Bobby McGregor has had a busy season, mainly spent in breaking records of all kinds. He may make news again on Saturday, for he has been invited to take part in a gala at the Grove Baths, Belfast.

DOCTOR DEADSHOT

A WOMAN doctor, Elena Donskaya, gave an astonishing display of marksmanship in Moscow the other day. In a rifle-shooting competition she scored 599 points out of a possible 600, to break the world records for both men and women!

The England team will be the one which won the Youth Cup last April. Those who saw the Final at Wembley will never forget the brilliant play of this team when crushing the Irish—a great-hearted side—by four clear goals.

The Rest of Britain will consist of players from the Youth Cup sides fielded by Ireland, Scotland (semi-finalists), and Wales.

Some of the 22 have already become established in League football; tonight at Wembley there may be some who will be playing for their country in the 1966 World Cup games.

ANOTHER big match takes place this Wednesday in Glasgow, where Scotland meet Norway. At Bergen in June, Scotland won by 4 goals to 3.

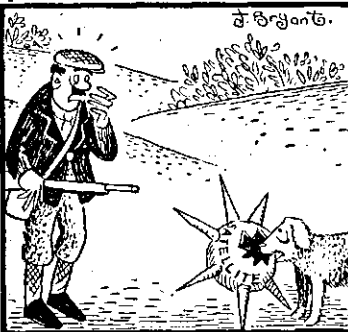
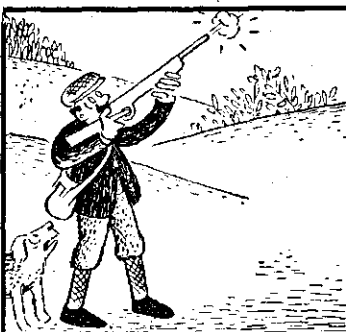
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AIRMEN ON THE RUN

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as it was moving. In this uncomfortable and dangerous position he travelled to Orleans, where he hid himself in one of the trucks.

Unfortunately this truck was detached from its original train and hooked on to one which didn't suit the exhausted sergeant at all.

At several stations he would have got off, but there were always German troops standing about; and he had travelled a long way back before he could get down and make himself known to some of the local railway workers.

They hid him behind huge bales of wool and cheered him up with a satisfying meal. Not only that, one of them produced a third-class ticket to Orleans. At three o'clock next afternoon, the British airman, disguised in his mackintosh and peasant's cap, boldly took his place in the train.

When he reached Orleans, a German trooper actually approached and questioned him as to the destination of the next train. Pearman's heart was in his mouth, but he muttered a few words in an undertone, pointing to a nearby porter, and the German moved off.

An uncomfortable and dangerous day was spent in Orleans, which was full of German troops of all sorts.

AFTER dark, Pearman hung about the railway yards hoping to find a goods train running into Vichy France. He had almost despaired of doing so, when a friendly railway worker seized him by the arm and ran him along the tracks to a train that was already on the move.

"This is your train," he shouted, and Pearman just managed to scramble on board.

Halfway through the night he realised that he could see lights shining in the villages they were passing through. He knew then that he must at last be out of German-occupied France.

This was a great step forward on his journey and he had high hopes now of eventually making his way to Gibraltar and freedom. Alas, bitter disappointments were in store for him.

At St. Sulphice Lauriare, railway men hauled him from his truck and, after an interview with the stationmaster, he was shut up in the local police cell, the laces of his shoes and his trouser belt

being taken away just to make escape more difficult.

Sergeant Pearman had hoped that the Frenchmen would allow him to go to Marseilles where he might have got a ship home. He did not know that the Vichy authorities had promised the Germans to put any escaping British airmen into internment camps.

Next day, he found himself handcuffed to a gendarme, and in a train which eventually landed him at the prison camp of St. Hippolyte, a bleak and remote fort high in the Cevenne hills.

THE prison camp looked uncommonly difficult to escape from, with its massive steel doors, its high walls and its festoons of barbed wire everywhere, to say nothing of the ever-vigilant guards.

There were nine other RAF NCOs already in the camp and, although there was no extreme hardship in their prison life, the living quarters were very cramped, and the food was scarce and poor.

In these depressing conditions the RAF NCOs kept their spirits up by constantly plotting to escape.

Due to the poor food and the crowded conditions, Pearman now began to suffer from scabies, but this turned out to be a blessing in disguise as he was told that he would be moved to the hospital in Nîmes.

Just before the ambulance came to take Pearman away, the Senior English officer in the camp came up to him and whispered the whereabouts close to Nîmes of a rendezvous which, if he could succeed in reaching it, would help him to escape.

This hurried conversation was cut short by the arrival of the ambulance which bumped away on the poor road from the camp with Pearman and a Flying Officer Hawkins inside it.

THEY were in the hospital for a week before Pearman either felt well enough to escape or saw an opportunity to do so; then, on 1st March at 10.30 in the evening, when the rest of the ward was asleep, he quietly removed the kit of a French Air Force cadet in the bed next to him, and crept on tiptoe out of the darkened ward.

To be concluded

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Crossword Puzzle (P. 8): ACROSS:
1 Safari. 4 Gratis. 8 Catered. 9 Inure. 10 Lilt. 12 Together. 16 Rustic. 18 Anthem. 20 Revealed. 23 Rein. 25 Light. 26 Rostrum. 27 Clench. 28 Emblem. **DOWN:**
1 Secular. 2 Fatal. 3 Identical. 5 Rhine. 6 Truth. 7 Sheer. 11 Title. 13 Grandiose. 14 Tutor. 15 Ere. 17 Use. 19 Minimum. 20 Relic. 21 Vague. 22 Attic. 24 Enrol. (P. 10) Guess the Country: Holland

(cheese, windmill, tulips, clog). Six Men in Strange Places: Quebec—Wolfe; Trafalgar—Nelson; Waterloo—Wellington; Spanish Armada—Drake; Bannockburn—Bruce; Marston Moor—Cromwell. Londoners All: Bank of England; Great Fire of London; Tower of London; Chancellor of the Exchequer; Within the sound of Bow Bells. Pose in a Puzzle: Com-pose; sup-pose; re-pose; op-pose. Sign of the Zodiac: Capricorn Goat.

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